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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on January 2, 2004 have been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 1-6** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Weller et al. (United States Patent 6,266,399), hereinafter referenced as Weller.

Regarding **claim 1**, Weller discloses outgoing message selection based on caller identification and time date constraints. In addition, Weller discloses a method for answering a call from a remote terminal with a smart phone, the method comprising the steps of: pre-storing a sound clip in the smart phone; receiving the call and acquiring a caller identity delivered therewith from the remote terminal; generating a first selection signal corresponding to the caller identity; and selecting a voice signal derived from a microphone or from the sound clip to be transmitted to the remote terminal according to the first selection signal, as disclosed at column 3, line 1 through column 6, line 17 and exhibited in figures 1-6.

Regarding **claim 2**, Weller discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition, Weller discloses wherein the smart phone further has an inherent

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codec and the method further comprises the step of: pre-storing a plurality of sound clips; generating a second selection signal corresponding to the caller identity; and selecting one of the sound clips as a source of the voice signal according to the second selection signal, as disclosed at column 3, line 1 through column 6, line 17 and exhibited in figures 1-6.

Regarding **claim 3**, Weller discloses a smart answering phone comprising: a microphone; an inherent codec pre-storing a sound clip; a processor acquiring a caller identity delivered with the call from a remote terminal; and an inherent multiplexer selecting a voice signal from the microphone or from the sound clip to be transmitted to the remote terminal as disclosed at column 3, line 1 through column 6, line 17 and exhibited in figures 1-6.

Regarding **claim 4**, Weller discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 3), in addition, Weller discloses wherein the inherent codec further pre-stores plurality of sound clips, the processor further generates second selection signal corresponding to the caller identity and the codec further selects one of the sound clips as source of the voice signal according to the second selection signal as disclosed at column 3, line 1 through column 6, line 17 and exhibited in figures 1-6.

Regarding **claims 5 and 6**, they are interpreted and thus rejected for the reasons set forth above in the rejection of claims 1-4.

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Conclusion


3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jefferey F. Harold whose telephone number is 571-272-7519. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sinh H. Tran can be reached on 571-272-7564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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